

# Wainwright chosen NSA Mid-South's Senior COQ

Patrick D. Wainwright, architecture technician in the Public Works Department's (PWD's) Facilities Planning Office (FPO), has been chosen as the senior NSA Mid-South Civilian of the Quarter, GS-7 and above, for the first quarter 2005 based on consistently performing his demanding duties in an exemplary manner.

Since mid-January, Wainwright has performed not only his job but also that of the general engineer (planner) (GEP), a higher graded position and the only other staff member of the FPO, who has been on extended sick leave due to a serious medical condition of a family member. During this timeframe, some of the duties performed by Wainwright include:

- Prepared documentation to demolish 220,000 square feet of excess building space;
- Prepared correspondence for site approvals for a Navy Lake bathhouse and MWR golf course clubhouse;
- Served as the GEP's representative in dealings with the City of Millington, Millington Industrial Development Board, and Millington Municipal Airport Authority;
- Developed the command's submission for the Chief of Naval Operations' Installation Excellence Award;
- Authored four nomination packages for Federal Executive Association's Employee of the Year Awards;
- Assigned responsibility for NSA Mid-South's assumption of the Naval Reserve Centers in Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., and Louisville and Lexington, Ky. This involved assembling contracts, support agreements and special projects required to make informed decisions on funding and Operations, Maintenance and Repair priorities, interfacing with Commander, Navy Installations; Commander, Navy Region



David Wainwright

Southeast (CNRSE); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFACENGCOM); and NAVFACENGCOM Southern Division;

- Reviewed and made more than 400 corrections to the Internet Facility Asset Data Store Property Record verifications to ensure that Sustainment Readiness Module funding is based on correct plant account and facility data;
- Maintained the Activity Based Costing Module for the FPO and prepared project documents that were recognized by CNRSE for accuracy and technical content;
- Served as the primary point of contact for all facilities planning questions during the Base Realignment and Closure 2005 data calls;
- Continued attending college on

a full-time basis, maintaining a 3.4 grade point average towards a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology degree through Southern Illinois University.

## Newsbriefs

### Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a valuable resource to Sailors, Marines and their families. For more information or assistance in any way, please call 874-7350 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are discouraged. The hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop, located at building S-239, is open Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Summer camp for children of deployed

A free summer camp is being offered for family members of deployed military (all branches) by the National Military Family Association. They hope to sponsor 2,000 children across America. For more information, please consult their Web site: [http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=operation\\_purple\\_2005](http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=operation_purple_2005).

### NEX Pharmacy

As of yesterday, June 1, the NEX Pharmacy at NSA Mid-South will close daily from noon-1 p.m. This change is necessary in order to maintain the highest standards of patient safety at all times, while also considering critical staffing issues. TRICARE Network Pharmacies are available for all after-hours or weekend needs. The NEX Pharmacy hours will be as follows: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed noon - 1 p.m.); first Thursday of each month, 8 a.m.-noon; Saturday, Sunday and all federal holidays, closed. All prescriptions must be turned in 30 minutes prior to close of business to ensure same-day processing.

### PSD closure

PSD will be closed June 10 for their command PRT and Command Picnic.

### Vacation Bible School

The NSA Mid-South Chapel Center is conducting vacation bible school June 20-24, 6-9 p.m. for children 5-12 years of age. The theme is "Solar Express, Empowered by the Son." For more information call the Center at 874-5341.



## NMCRS Mid-South sees record-breaking fund drive

Story and Photos by Warren Roseborough

Capt. Helen F. Dunn (left) Commanding Officer, NSA Mid-South presents Adm. (retired) Steve Abbot, president of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), with the proceeds of the annual active-duty fund drive check. With the NMCRS Thrift Shop as a backdrop, NMCRS received \$68,560.46 for use in assisting Sailors and Marines. Dunn stated she was pleased to see the generosity with which service members are helping their own. Allotments and cash donations were received from the Navy Personnel Command, Navy Recruiting Command, Navy Manpower Analysis Center, Marine Corps Kilo Company 3/23, Navy Office of Community

Outreach, Navy ROTC Unit Mid-South Region, Military Entrance Processing Station Memphis, Navy Legal Services Office, Branch Health Clinic, Personnel Services Detachment, and NSA Mid-South. Several commands also had fund-raising efforts including car washes, pizza sales, chili cook-offs and breakfast sales.

Dunn also expressed how pleased she was to have been part of this fund drive that represented a 30-percent increase over last years' drive. Abbot was thrilled with the results also, and noted how the funds are used locally to help Mid-South personnel and their families in need. He thanked all the fund drive volunteers for their hard work, most notably the efforts of NCC Jon Monteleone, area fund drive coordinator.

## Jump in for a splashing good time



The All Hands Pool opened for the summer this past Friday, May 27, and will operate until September. Join one of the aquatic activities planned, including recreational swim, water aerobics, lap swim, water polo and special events such as Splash-N-Dash. Private parties can also be arranged. The outdoor Olympic-size pool has a diving well, two one-meter diving boards and separate covered children's pool, and can accommodate more than 200 swimmers and sunbathers. For more information, contact the manager at 874-5169.

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NSA Mid-South

Open-Air Marketplace  
and  
Family Fun Day

Come to buy and sell at this  
open-air marketplace event.  
Tables available for rent under the big top tent

Food concessions, kids events, and stage performances

Saturday, June 11 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NSA Mid-South Conference Center Parking Lot  
(Pat Thompson bldg. N-767)

Reserve your space today!

Active Duty and Retired Military \$10.00 per table

DOD Civilian \$15.00 per table.

Civilian \$20.00 per table.

(Two table limit per vendor)

Call (901) 874-5198 for more information.

Look for Arts & Crafts Festival in November!

# Commentary

## Speaking for the fleet Holding on to a legacy

**FLTCM(SS/SW) Rick West  
Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer  
U.S. Pacific Fleet**

I want to take a different approach to this column. I'd like you to hear from some other people besides me in this column. It's a group of people slowly vanishing from this world — they are called America's "greatest generation."

Our "greatest generation" is one of the outstanding groups we were honoring during the recent Memorial Day weekend. They wear the VFW or American Legion hats, they'd rather have a conversation than surf the Internet, and they stand up when the American flag goes by — regardless of their political views. They were us so many years ago. Service members who were just doing their duty preserving our liberties and freedoms throughout the world.

When we listen, they have a lot to tell, stories of sacrifice, heroics and camaraderie. And we need to listen; we need to learn and we need to preserve what these warriors have laid as the bedrock for our military. Memorial Day is more than parades. It's our chance to learn from and listen to this greatest generation. They've lived the sacrifices the current generation is facing. And while a lot of them may not have grown up with e-mail, cell phones, or the Internet, we'd be fools to think there's nothing they can't teach us.

So I'm going to let them talk to you. I want you to hear, see and feel what they have done. They weren't looking to be heroes or make heroic sacrifices. They were just doing what needed to be done. So understand what they did, learn from the courage they displayed, and know what it means to step up in an impossible situation. Then you'll understand why these folks are more than an annual parade and 30-second news clip on CNN or the local TV.

"Suddenly the ship was gone, and it was very quiet. It had only been 12 minutes since the torpedoes hit. We started to gather together. Being in the water wasn't an unpleasant experience except that the black fuel oil got in your nose and eyes. We all looked the same — black oil all over, white eyes and red mouths. You couldn't tell the doctor from the boot seaman."

This is from retired Medical Corps Capt. Lewis L. Haynes. He was the senior medical officer on board USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35). Shortly after midnight on July 30, 1945, the ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine and quickly sank. Haynes and 315 other men were the only ones rescued out of the crew of 1,199.

"Soon everyone had swallowed fuel oil and gotten sick. Then everyone began vomiting.

"At that time I could have hidden, but somebody yelled, 'Is the doctor there?' And I made myself known. From that point on — and that's probably why I'm here today — I was kept so busy I had to keep going. But without any equipment, from that point on I became a coroner."

Pharmacist's Mate second Class Lee Soucy, a crewman aboard USS *Utah* (AG-16) woke up Sunday morning and saw a bunch of planes swarming overhead. At first, he thought it was the Marines, since "they were the only ones crazy enough to be training on a Sunday morning." He quickly found out different. He was smack-dab in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"A number of the ship's tremors are vaguely imprinted in my mind, but I remember one jolt quite vividly. As I was running down the passageway toward my battle station, another torpedo or bomb hit and shook the ship severely," he said.

"I was knocked off balance and through the log room door. I got up a little dazed and immediately darted down the ladder below the armored deck. I forgot my first aid kit.

"By then the ship was already listing. There were a few men down below who looked dumbfounded and wondered out loud, 'What's going on?' I felt around my shoulder in great alarm. No first aid kit! Being out of uniform is one thing, but being at a battle station without proper equipment is more than embarrassing. After a minute or two below the armored deck, we heard another bugle call. Then the boatswain's whistle followed by the boatswain's chant, 'Abandon ship ... abandon ship.'"

The *Utah* still lays at rest today on the opposite side of Ford Island here at Pearl Harbor. Time, weather and the sea has caused more damage, but it still serves as a reminder - and teacher - to us all of what the greatest generation endured.

As I mentioned earlier, the generation of the 1940s, and 50s were not very different than ours today. Many were just starting in life, looking to find their place in the world. Some joined up because of the Depression and any job was salvation. Others joined because they had just finished school and were looking to start out in life. Just like Lt. Dorothy Still Danner, a nurse who was captured by the Japanese in Manila and imprisoned at Santo Thomas and Los Banos in the Philippines.

"After graduating from nursing school, I worked in two hospitals before joining the Navy in 1937. At that time there were only 400 nurses in the Navy. I really didn't expect to be hired, so I was really surprised when I got my orders to go to the San Diego Naval Hospital for a physical. The next thing I knew, I was in the Navy.

"On Jan. 2, 1942, the Japanese came into Manila but didn't come to Santa Scholastica until a few days later. At first the Japanese were not hostile and mostly left us alone. But then they started taking quinine from us. They also began to slap around and beat up the men.

"I was sent to Santo Tomas on March 8, 1942. However, the medical facilities there were still lacking. There was a little hospital set up in what had been a mechanical engineering building. Living conditions for the others also worsened ... by this time, the Americans had invaded the Philippines, so as life got worse for the Japanese, they made life worse for us. We were only getting two meals a day, skimpy meals at that. We mainly had rice, diluted to a pasty lugao. There



**FLTCM(AW/SW) Rick West**

was practically no meat in the stew; it was very watery."

Many historians will tell you that two battles that did the most for turning the tide of the war was the Normandy invasion and the Battle of Midway.

Both were very costly to that great American generation.

"I was overwhelmed with work. Wounded were everywhere. Some men had one foot or leg off, others had both off; some were dying - some dead," said Lt. Joseph P. Pollard, a medical officer on board USS *Yorktown* (CV-5). "Everywhere there was need for morphine, tourniquets, blankets and first aid. Battle Dressing Station No. 1 rapidly overflowed into the passageway, into the parachute loft and into all other available spaces.

"I called for stretcher bearers to get the more seriously wounded to the sick bay where they could receive plasma, etc., but the passageways had been blocked off due to the bomb hits. So we gave more morphine, covered the patients with blankets, and did the best we could."

*Yorktown* was lost shortly after the Battle of Midway. Successive strikes by dive bombers and torpedo planes seriously damaged the ship, forcing the crew to abandon it June 4. Two days later, while salvage efforts were underway, both the damaged carrier and the destroyer *Hammann* (DD-412) were torpedoed and sunk June 7, 1942.

## Chaplain's corner

**Former Marine making America remember**

Tim Lee, sitting in his wheelchair, Marine dress blues, with no legs. He looks distinguished, authoritative. He is a man sent with a message for our times.

He speaks with thunder in his voice. His story is powerfully graphic, revealing, and rings with reality about a country and a national heritage that many Americans have forgotten.

His name is Tim Lee. He is a former Marine Corps Sergeant and Purple Heart recipient from the Vietnam conflict. A violent land mine explosion in 1971 placed him in a wheelchair, but also made him one of the most listened to people in America.

He is recognized across the nation as one of the most exciting evangelists and Christian satesmen of our generation. He shares a personal testimony that has impacted the lives of U. S. senators and congressmen, Governors, and state and local officials. He has won the acclaim of thousands of American citizens, and the respect of the strongest and noblest men and women who have heard his unique delivery.



**Sargent Tim Lee**

His remarks and conclusions on the topics he addresses are controversial and explosive, but they present strong biblical truth and patriotic ideals in a way that captivates his audiences.

An encounter with Lee will long be remembered. He is a man with answers for this generation, and one who speaks from the heart.

The public is invited to hear Lee in person at Crosspointe Baptist Church on June 26, at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Each year, as we commemorate Memorial Day, the crowds get a little younger. We are losing this greatest generation to time. And once they are gone, many of us will look back and regret not learning more from them and about them. It's true that Memorial Day is to honor our fallen heroes as well as everyone who serves or served. But it is also to remind us active service members of what we can learn from those before that went

before us, acknowledge their sacrifices, and in doing so learn about ourselves too.

That greatest generation is handing us the baton now. The question is: did we learn enough from them to be able to take up where they have so selflessly and so nobly left off? I encourage you at every opportunity embrace and learn from those that have gone before us in harms way. Warriors teaching warriors!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NSA CHAPEL CENTER JUNE 20 - 24, 2005 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Ages 5 - 12 years old



Registration forms available at the Chapel Center.

All registered children must have a

Medical Power Of Attorney,  
also available at the chapel.

For more information call the  
Chapel Center at 874-5341.

*Teenage helpers are needed as volunteers and welcome,  
but must also be registered.*

## Quote noted

### Consistency

Consistency requires you to be as ignorant today as you were a year ago.—*Bernard Berenson*

### Cell phones

If we're gonna have car phones I think we should have car answering machines: "Tom's at home right now. But as soon as he goes out, he'll get back to you."—*Tom Parks*

### Insults

I'll give you an idea of what kind of guy he was. St. Francis would have punched him in the mouth.—*Gene Perret*

### Ethics

When I do good, I feel good; when I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion.—*Abraham Lincoln*

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This room with two beds awaits guests at the Navy Lodge.



Elvis (a.k.a. Wilbert Young, Jr.) autographs a photo of himself and a visitor at the 35th anniversary of Navy Lodge. Donations to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society were accepted for each souvenir photo.



Information on Navy Lodge and MWR facilities was available to guests at the 35-year celebration.



Tonya's backup singers/dancers are (from left) Regina Lawson, Becky Pohlman, Judy Fiene, and Elvis.



Tonya Doggett takes her turn at the mike during karaoke time following the free refreshments offered.

## Navy Lodge offers temporary lodging for 35 years...and counting

Story and photos by Wayne Smith

Navy Lodge celebrated its 35th anniversary last Thursday, May 26, with an afternoon of food and fun and an opportunity for guests to gather information on the services and rooms available for qualified guests.

A chance to show off guests' musical talents was provided via a karaoke setup.

There are presently 44 Navy Lodge and Navy Inn locations worldwide. According to Susan Jicha, manager of

Navy Lodge Mid-South, Navy Lodges are, on the average, 40 percent less expensive than a comparable suite in the civilian sector.

Rooms are air-conditioned with satellite TV with HBO, DVD or VCR players, phone service and a kitchenette with microwave, refrigerator and utensils, so you can prepare your own meals.

Laundry facilities are also available as are handicapped-accessible rooms.

To make reservations, call 1-800-NAVY-INN, or log on to [www.navy.lodge.com](http://www.navy.lodge.com).

## Sailors urged to complete survey

By Sharon Anderson, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

Time is getting short for the 16,000 Sailors asked to help shape the Navy by participating in the 2005 Navywide Personnel Survey (NPS). The survey is expected to close by June 10.

These randomly selected officers and enlisted were sent letters of invitation to participate in the survey. The online survey should take about 30 minutes to complete.

"There is still time for Sailors to provide us with their valuable inputs that can help shape policy and influence decisions on key areas of readiness, quality of service and quality of life," said Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing,

Chief of Naval Personnel. "These are issues that directly affect the way we work and live in this Navy."

Anyone who was asked to take the survey but can no longer access the survey may contact Dr. Kimberly Whittam at 874-2321 or at [kimberly.whittam@navy.mil](mailto:kimberly.whittam@navy.mil), for help in accessing the online survey.

"We value and need Sailors' responses in this crucial survey; we hope that you will consider providing us your views," said Dr. Steve Watson, survey oversight director for the Strategic Planning and Analysis Directorate of Chief of Naval Personnel. "Sailors can only be heard if they take part in the survey."

The NPS has been administered

since 1990, and assesses issues related to the quality of work life balance, career development, satisfaction with Navy life and career decisions. Results from past surveys have had major impact on Navy readiness and Sailors' lives.

Initiatives spurred by past surveys include a renewed focus on funding for parts and supplies, career sea pay expanded to officers with less than three years of sea duty and to junior enlisted, improvement in the detailing process and design changes on shipboard berthing compartments.

For related news, visit the Chief of Naval Personnel Navy NewsStand page at [www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cnp).

## Happenings

June 10

Personnel Support Detachment closed for PRT and command picnic

June 15

American Society of Military Comptrollers Meeting: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Helmsman Complex

June 17

Open-Air Marketplace and Family Fun Day: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mid-South Conference Center

June 17

Military Night with Redbirds: 7 p.m., AutoZone Park, Memphis

June 24

NSA Mid-South change of command: 10 a.m., N-82 gymnasium

July 2

Flag City Celebration: 5 p.m., Navy Lake

July 21

Ladies Fast Pitch Softball: Harlem Diamonds, Northside fields

## NNOA to host 33rd annual Professional Development and Training Conference

### Navy Personnel Command Communications

The National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) will hold its 33rd annual National Professional Development and Training Conference August 8-12 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans.

NNOA is an organization that assists the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps in recruitment, retention and professional development of minority officers. The conference includes educational and developmental sessions designed to enhance the professional knowledge of attendees.

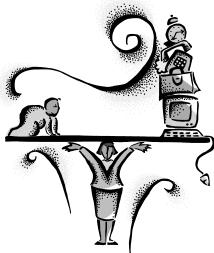
"With a mission of building high quality future naval leaders, they [NNOA] position themselves to directly support our diversity efforts," said

Lt. Andre Stridiron, of the Navy Diversity Directorate Office. "NNOA focuses on capitalizing on our Human Strength and Total Force concepts."

Conference uniform for Navy personnel will be summer white, and coat and tie for civilians. Navy uniform for the formal banquet will be dinner dress white jacket (dinner dress white for O-3 and below), and black tie or equivalent for civilians and guests.

For more information on lodging, registration, or history of the organization, visit [www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/diversity/htm](http://www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/diversity/htm). Click on Navy Diversity Calendar conference on the right of the page, and then click on the NNOA link.

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### Life is a balancing act...

If you can answer YES to any of the following questions, the NSA Mid-South Child Development Home program might be for YOU!

- I would like to bring in extra income for my family, but be able to stay at home with my child(ren).
- I live on base.
- I live within a 50 mile radius of the base.

We are looking for potential providers who will care for children **under the age of two**. If you are interested in becoming a CDH Provider, please make plans to attend our next scheduled orientation.



### PROVIDER ORIENTATION

June 13-17

CDH Office, Bldg. S-780  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Please RSVP by June 10 to Dianne Ciaccio at 874-7309 or email at [diane.ciaccio@navy.mil](mailto:diane.ciaccio@navy.mil)



